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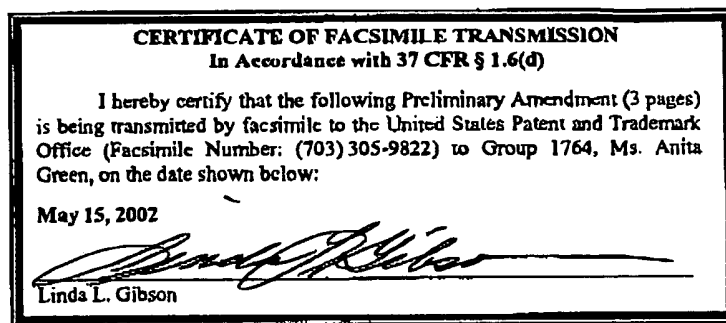
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the specification, page 10, lines 3-4 please replace the existing description of Figure 52 with the following paragraph:

--Figures 52a - 52f are side views of the operations of the mask-changing machine of the present invention;--

COMMENTS

No new matter is introduced by the present Amendment and no paragraph numbering is required as it is contained within the Brief Description of the Invention.

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Figure 52 as filed contained only sub-parts 52a through 52f. Attached please find a mark-up of the Amendment.

It is believed that no other fees are necessary. However, if this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 07-153.

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